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HEW TO THE LINE; LET THE CHIPS FALL WHERE THEY MAY

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Hon. ROBERT M. SWEITZER

Continues to Lead in the Straw Vote or Ballot for Mayor of Chicago;
Hon. BERNARD W. SNOW, Republican Candidate for County Treasurer In 1918 and
Hon. EMIL E. WETTEN Ex-President of the Hamilton Club and other Prominent
Republicans; are Climbing in His Band Wagon.

Captain Charles E. Merriam and His Followers are Booming Hon. Maclay Hoyne for Mayor of Chicago

AS THE GREAT MAYORALTY CONTEST DRAWS TO A CLOSE, IT CAN BE STATED WITH PLEASURE THAT ALL THREE OF THE LEADING CANDIDATES, MESSRS. SWEITZER, THOMPSON AND HOYNE, HAVE ALL BEEN FRIENDLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE COLORED RACE; THAT THE COLORED PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE EVERYTHING THAT IS COMING TO THEM UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF EITHER ONE OF THEM.

IT WILL BE RECALLED, THAT HON. ROBERT M. SWEITZER DELIVERED THE ORATION OF HIS LIFE AT THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE OF THE NEW EIGHTH REGIMENT ARMORY IN 1914; THAT HE COMPLETELY FURNISHED ONE OF THE CO.'S ROOMS; THAT HE PRESENTED COL. FRANKLIN A. DENISON WITH A FINE MAHOGANY OFFICE DESK, WHICH STILL STANDS IN THE ARMORY.

COL. OSCAR DE PRIEST THE HEAD AND THE FRONT OF THE PEOPLES MOVEMENT WITHIN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN THE SECOND WARD DID NOT PRESIDE OVER THE MEETING HELD IN THE INTEREST OF HON. ROBERT M. SWEITZER AT ITS HEADQUARTERS, 3140 INDIANA AVE., TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 18, 1919.

It must also be remembered that Captain Charles E. Merriam, late Republican candidate for the nomination for mayor of Chicago, and his followers in the 7th Ward, are also out in the open, plugging and working for the success of Col. Hoyne at the polls on election day.

The Colored citizens of Chicago will have nothing to fear at the hands of 'Messrs. Thompson, Sweitzer, Hoyne or John Fitzpatrick, the labor candidate for mayor, who will also receive some Colored votes, for none of them have ever assumed a hostile attitude against the best interest of the Colored people of this city, and they should cast some of their votes for each and every one of them and not pin all their faith nor center all of their hope and future existence upon any one candidate or, in other words, they must be politically free and independent and not permit themselves to become the abject political slaves of any political party.

No sane person residing within the confines of this city and county can rightfully contend that Hon. Robert M. Sweitzer has ever in the slightest degree been unfriendly towards the Colored people, on the contrary he has in many ways proven to be a steadfast friend to the Colored race.

It is still fresh in the minds of the Colored people around and about here that Mr. Sweitzer delivered the oration of his life at the laying of the corner stone of the New Eighth Regiment Armory in October, 1914, that with his own money he furnished one of the rooms for one of the Co.'s that he presented Col. Franklin A. Denison with a fine mahogany office desk—which still stands in the Fifth Regiment Armory.

In many other ways he has shown his friendship for worthy Colored people by employing them in his office as clerks and Col. Oscar De Priest claims the honor of securing a position in his office for one of his Colored followers at a hundred and twenty-five dollars per month.

**Alderman John J. Touhy Is by Far
One of The Best and Most Popular
City Fathers that Has Ever Sat in
The City Council from The Eight-
eenth Ward.**

Two years ago, after a very hard fought political battle Hon. John J. Touhy was elected to the City Council from the fighting Eighteenth ward winning out as an independent candidate beating or routing all of the old line politicians or small statesmen residing in that ward and from the very day and hour that Alderman Touhy entered the City Council, he has made more than good all along the line and long since he has proven himself to be one of its best and most hardest working members.

At the present time he is a member of the committees on Railway Terminals, streets and alleys, schools, fire, Police and Civil service, Home Defense and several other important

committees of that body.

The municipal voters league loudly sounds his praises and declares that regardless of politics that he is the best Alderman that the Eighteenth Ward has produced in a generation.

Alderman Touhy is a product of Chicago, having been reared here, and has shown his ability to keep up with the procession by successfully handling the business interests with which he has been connected. He is popular, straightforward and true to his friends. His personal reputation is clean and he has the happy faculty of making and holding friendships.

Alderman Touhy stands very high in the estimation of the Colored people residing in his ward and Dan Taylor and many other Colored men and women will on Tuesday, April 1, assist to return him to the City Council from the old fighting Eighteenth ward.



HON. ROBERT M. SWEITZER
The next Mayor of Chicago.

THE MAYOR AND THE NEGROES.

Chicago, March 24.—(Editor of the Tribune)—Will you permit a member of the colored race to say that there is a feeling abroad among members of that race that they should cease to be numbered as unanimous for the election of Mr. Thompson. Many of us cannot, as loyal citizens, subscribe to the attitude of some of our public officials during the war. We prefer to think that Gov Lowden's stand was the proper one and that any stand which does not meet that standard should be rebuked at the polls.

We believe that a race whose loyalty was so certain that the government selected only colored troops as the White House Guard cannot be herded to the polls in support of a candidate whose consideration for soldier recruits on their way to camp and in camp was manifested by not so much as a visit or an inquiry as to their welfare.

G. W. Johnson.